

VILLAGE OF EAGLE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Approved

Call to Order/Open Meeting Law requirements:

A.Salmela called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the absence of R. Spurrell

Roll Call:

M. Schoessow, G. Scheff, A. Salmela, L. Neuburg, P. Jones were all present, R. Spurrell - excused, K. Degenhardt - absent

Pledge of Allegiance:

Pledge of Allegiance was led by A. Salmela

Review/Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held March 12, 2015; the Special Board Meeting held March 18, 2015, made by G. Scheff, seconded by M. Schoessow, motion carried (5-0)

Review/Approval of Treasurer's Report, including regular monthly account payable:

Board members reviewed the Treasurer's and accounts payable reports. Motion made by G. Scheff to approve Treasurer's and accounts payable reports. Seconded by M. Schoessow. Motion carried (5-0)

Clerk's Report:

C. Zindars announced that the election went smoothly with no issue; all was reported to Waukesha County with no reported errors. She also stated that past due water statements had been sent out and that shut-off notices would be going out in the next couple of weeks to those who are delinquent and have not made arrangements with the Village Office.

Citizen Comments/Concerns:

D. Rockteacher, 335 Eagle St. – Stated concern over the home under construction on Main St. due to the fact that it may be a safety concern. He also stated that there was no visible building permit.

G. Scheff told D. Rockteacher that he would make a call to the building inspector V. Budiac for follow up on the property.

C. Pettis, 121 Schroeder – submitted a letter to the Board regarding safety concerns over the property at 426 Main St.

G. Scheff expressed understanding of the concerns and pledged to make a call to the building inspector for follow up with the homeowner.

B. Dingle, 116 South St. – inquired about the progress of the new noise ordinance getting passed

A.Salmela stated that some changes were made to the draft ordinance and that he expects that it will be complete by the next Code and Ordinance meeting.

B. Dingle inquired about the noise meter readings, whether they were being done, where, and by whom.

G. Bruckner explained that she had been working with the meter on various occasions.

K. Anderson, 408 Elkhorn Rd – expressed desire for the chicken ordinance to be voted down. She felt that free ranged chickens may cause calls to the Police Department and she thought the Police Department had more important concerns

L. Neuburg read a letter from P. Kokan, 715 Old Prospectors Trail – the letter expressed support for passing the chicken ordinance. She did not think that coyotes would be a concern, nor disease. The letter stated that chickens can be beneficial by eating yard and garden pests and provides owners with natural, fresh eggs and meat.

T. Blair, 614 Old Prospectors Trail – stated that he believe Calico Fields subdivision has a no farm animals rule in place and also explained that he has experience with owners of chickens, many years ago a neighbor has kept chickens which resulted in an issue with rats

B. Kane, 421 Meadow Ln – expressed desire for the chicken ordinance to be voted down because of the potential health hazard

L. Greenberg, 603 Spinning Wheel Cir – stated that he believes chickens will be a nuisance He also stated that the lots were too small in the Village for domestic chickens and that they belonged in the Town because of the larger lot sizes

C. Pettis, 121 Schroeder – stated that he supports limited chickens in proper housing in the Village, but also expressed dissatisfaction over some of his neighbors containment of their dogs

L. Greenberg, 602 Spinning Wheel Cir – asked if chickens were domestic

A.Salmela stated that the ordinance read ‘Domestic Fowl’

T. Tegen, 342 Waukesha Rd – expressed support for the chicken ordinance. He also stated that many other villages and cities have passed similar ordinances and have not had the issues that are being brought up

R. Ehlers, 305 Hawthorne – stated that he had done extensive research on municipalities with chicken ordinances. He referenced a blog that discussed how typical objections to chickens are not legitimate. He listed several municipalities across the state that have passed their own chicken ordinances and stated that he contacted many of them inquiring about issues that arose due to the ordinance. He stated that the feedback he received was that there were no real issues to speak of.

M. Tegen, 342 W. Waukesha Rd – expressed support for the chicken ordinance. She stated that she has spoken to a reputable realtor regarding issues selling homes in municipalities who have passed a chicken ordinance. T. Tegen explained that the realtor’s response was that home buyers often seek out municipalities who have a chicken ordinance in place. He said that they also asked the realtor about whether a chicken ordinance would have an impact on a home’s value – he said the realtor told him it would not. T. Tegen also stated that he spoke with the Mukwonago Police Department to inquire

whether they have had any issues with chickens in their Village since the passing of their chicken ordinance. T. Tegen said that he was told that the Mukwonago Police Department couldn't recall receiving any complaints regarding chickens in the last four years since the ordinance was passed.

T. Blair – 614 Old Prospectors Trl – stated that he has issues in general with animal owners who don't take care of their pets. He also remarked that he has had issues in the past with his neighbors and their caring for their dogs and feel that there are issues already with dog owners, adding chickens will only make it worse.

D. Molloy, 303 Hawthorne Dr. – expressed his support for passing the chicken ordinance.

L. Greenberg, 602 Spinning Wheel Cir – stated that he felt the current ordinances for dogs were not being properly enforced, so he felt that there would be similar issues with chickens.

R. Ehlers, 305 Hawthorne Dr – stated that the ordinance was designed so that it could be rescinded in a year if there were issues after its passing. He explained that the Village Police Department receives calls regarding issues with dogs, that they are followed up on and that the ordinances are in fact regularly enforced.

L. Fejnas, 103 Eagle St – expressed her disapproval of passing the chicken ordinance because she felt the lot sizes were too small in the Village.

J. Hoefakker, 240 Elkhorn Rd – stated that he did not see chickens being allowed in the Village as an issue and supported that passing of the ordinance.

Announcements:

Chief Presiding Officer: none

Board Members: L. Neuberg announced that this would be the last meeting for Trustees K. Degenhardt, M. Schoessow, and A. Salmela. She also welcomed and congratulated the newly elected Trustees J. Hoefakker, G. Scheff, and G. Hein. She also announced that there will be an audit report next month.

Police Dept. Representative: G. Bruckner provided a report to the Board for review. She also stated that the officers have been working on cleaning the office and encouraged residents to call the Police Department with issues with dogs; ordinances have and will be enforced with fines, etc.

Fire Dept Representative: B. Hein stated that next week is Severe Weather Awareness week. He also announced that there were still tickets available for the upcoming Fire Department Gun Raffle.

Presentation by Crown Commercial Real Estate/Development LLC

- a. **Consideration/Action regarding presentation and possible actions needed by the Village of Eagle regarding any development of the commercial lot at Markham St and County Hwy NN**
G. Baum, Architect with FEH Associates introduced himself and B. Nebel of Crown Commercial and began the presentation by stating that in 2012 there was a study done regarding an expansion of the library. Three options were discussed: adding on to the existing library, building a free-standing building, or combining the library with another multi-use facility. There were also meetings in 2012 regarding attempting to bring a grocery store and other businesses to the site.
B. Nebel of Crown Commercial introduces himself and explains that the proposal he will be discussing will be Crown Commercial building a library/community center and leasing the

building back to the Village. The proposal includes a 12,000 sq ft building as a library/community center, making the existing library available for another use. He stated that there is currently 17 acres available for sale on the Markham/Cty Hwy NN site, but the proposal only requires 2 acres. He also explained that he could recommend a real estate professional to bring in additional developers. He said the proposal outlined a 15/20 year lease on the library building with an option to buy at certain points in the lease. He said he believed that building this structure brings higher potential of bringing in more commercial development to the site and that if that were to occur, it would increase the property tax intake on that land significantly. He outlined several ideas with varying plans and costs and explained some benefits of leasing with Crown Commercial over the Village building and owning the building. D. Rockteacher, 335 Eagle St. stated that he felt the library building would be better positioned on Markham, opposed to Main St. as new commercial development would prefer to be on Main St.

B. Nebel explained that the proposal was preliminary and was just an example of what the potential development may look like.

R. Ehlers asks if other municipalities of this size have done the same, i.e. build a new library and inquires whether it brought in additional commercial development. He also stated that the proposed project seemed costly.

B. Nebel explained that the size of the library was a starting point for the proposal and could be adjusted based on the Village preferences.

No action was taken by the Board

Planning Commission

- a. **Consideration/Action regarding approval of Thurow's Mobile Marine Business Plan.** G. Scheff stated that the planning commission recommended approval of Thurow's Mobile Marine's business plan to acquire an additional lot for outdoor storage. G. Scheff made motion to approve said business plan, seconded by L. Neuberg, motion carried (5-0)

Presentation by WisCops

- a. **Consideration/Action regarding presentation and implementation of WisCops services.** The representative from WisCops made a presentation to the Board outlining the services offered. He explained that WisCops helps Police Departments across the state with their entry level hiring process and that the service was paid for by the candidates who applied, not by the municipalities using the service. L. Neuberg asked if there was any part of the agency that he felt wasn't where it should be. The Wiscops rep stated that they had positive testimonials online in support of their services. L. Neuberg also asked whether there was a contract for services. A contract was then provided to A. Salmela by Wiscops. L. Neuberg asked if the municipality was required to use their recommendation. Wiscops stated that they did not. A. Salmela asked if the services could be used for the hiring of both full and part time. The response from Wiscops was that it could. A. Salmela stated that he would pass the information on to the Police and Licensing committee and to R. Spurrell. No action was taken.

Consideration/Action regarding compensation for Deborah Bliese. A motion was made by M. Schoessow to table, seconded by G. Scheff, motion carried (5-0)

Consideration/Action regarding approval of Permit Application for Implements of Husbandry for Helena Chemical. G. Scheff explained that this was a permit regarding allowing certain farm equipment over the standard state allowed weight and axle limits to use requested roadways. C. Zindars further

explained the communication she had with the business owner, who stated that the use of Village roadways was seldom, generally on the outer limits of town, and only used for traveling between farm fields. M. Schoessow stated that he believed the equipment used would be a fertilizer spreader. Motion made by G. Scheff to approve the permit application for Implements of Husbandry for Helena Chemical as requested. Seconded by L. Neuburg. Motion carried (5-0)

Consideration/Action regarding new website design and support through Town Web Design. C.

Zindars explained that the existing website was cumbersome to maneuver through and is was very difficult to reach someone at the WI DET for support. She also stated that she called to get feedback from other municipalities currently using Town Web Design and all had positive remarks regarding the ease of using the system and the level of support service they received. C. Zindars also outline the cost savings over time by switching to the new site. L. Neuburg asked if the clerk thought there were funds in the budget to support the additional set-up fees associated with switching. C. Zindars replied that based on the information she had, she was confident that there were funds available in the budget. Motion by G. Scheff to approve new website design and support through Town Web Design. Seconded by M. Schoessow. Motion carried (5-0)

Consideration/Action regarding Assessment Technologies Contract. Motion by M. Schoessow to table. Seconded by L. Neuburg. Motion carried (5-0)

Consideration/Action regarding Joint Powers Agreement; County 9-1-1 Emergency System. Motion made by L. Neuburg to renew contract. Seconded by G. Scheff. Motion carried (5-0)

Consideration/Action regarding the approval of Board of Review members. Motion made by M. Schoessow to appoint R. Spurrell, C. Zindars, L. Neuburg, G. Scheff, and P. Jones as Board of Review members. Seconded by A. Salmela. Motion carried (5-0)

Consideration/Action regarding the approval of date and time for Board of Review. Motion by M. Schoessow to approve May 19, 2015 from 4pm – 6pm as Board of Review date and time. Seconded by A. Salmela. Motion carried (5-0)

Committee Reports/Action Items:

- a. **Fire Commission – update on meeting:** Next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 14 at 7pm
- b. **Recreation Department – update on meeting:** J. Davis stated that there was no meeting since the last Board meeting, and also stated that there were only four Baseball/Softball teams signed up this year compared to eight teams last year and feels that the issues with the School District divisions are a contributing factor.
- c. **Code & Ordinance –**
 1. **Update on meeting:** A. Salmela stated that the revised noise ordinance has been reviewed by the Village Police Officers and they hope to approve the finalized version at their next meeting.
 2. **Consideration/Action regarding Ordinance for Keeping Domestic Fowl in the Village.** A. Salmela explained that the ordinance was approved by the committee for Board consideration by a (3-1) vote. L. Neuburg explained that the issue was originally brought to her attention by three boys in the 4H program who asked about keeping chickens in the Village as part of a 4H project. She stated that she supported passing the ordinance because of the boys she spoke with about their project and the ability of residents to have access to fresh eggs and meat if they choose. She also stated that the ordinance

can be revisited in a year and repealed if there are issues. A. Salmela explained that he visited 43 residents in the Village regarding the School District petition issue, which he also used as an opportunity to get feedback about the Domestic Fowl Ordinance. He explained that out of those he spoke with, not one resident expressed support for the chicken ordinance's approval – because of that he stated that he will not be voting to approve the ordinance because he feels he will be representing the residents. Motion made by G. Scheff for non-approval of the Ordinance for Keeping Domestic Fowl in the Village. Seconded by M. Schoessow. Roll Call Vote – L. Neuburg – No, A. Salmela – Yes, P. Jones – Yes, M. Schoessow – Yes, G. Scheff – Yes. Motion for non-approval carried (4-1) A. Salmela explained that another option if a Village Resident wanted to have chickens would be to go the Zoning Board of Appeals. He also requested that a copy of this ordinance be kept in the Village office for potential future revisiting.

d. Nature Trail Committee –

1. **Update on meeting:** L. Neuburg stated that the violets on the trail are blooming and suggested that residents take the opportunity to walk the trail. She also stated that the controlled burn done April 6th was somewhat of a success, conditions were not perfect, but progress was made. She outlined several upcoming events over the summer.

e. Library Board – update on meeting: no update

f. Police & Licensing –

1. **Update on meeting:** A. Salmela stated that the Police & Licensing committee approved for Board consideration, the hiring of a part-time officer, R. Kuspa – a police trainer at WCTC who would work on a need only basis, mainly for the purpose of training. Motion made by M. Schoessow to hire part time officer R. Kuspa. Seconded by A. Salmela. L. Neuburg stated that she initially voted in favor of hiring the new officer at the committee meeting, however has reconsidered because she feels that there are enough officers on staff with a significant amount of training already and feels the hours that may have been filled by the new hire could be filled by existing part-time officers. G. Bruckner stated that it was her understanding that the new officer would not be picking up regular hours, but would only be needed for training and Kettle Moraine Days. G. Scheff asked if the part time help was needed right now, or would it be better to wait. L. Neuburg suggested that they wait. Motion by L. Neuburg to deny the hiring of the part-time candidate for the Police Department. Seconded by A. Salmela. Motion carried (5-0)

g. Public Works & Property – update on meeting: no update

h. Personnel & Finance – update on meeting: no meeting held

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by L. Neuburg. Seconded by G. Scheff. Motion carried (5-0). Meeting adjourned at 9:16pm.